work, since the Government is getting down a retired Engineer from Travancore, where it exists.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The Government accepts the resolution. The Chief Engineer is working it up.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—If the Chief Engineer has taken up the work, I have nothing to say. I had actually to suffer.

3. Members of the Standing Finance Committee.

(*Mr. K. T. Mathew being absent, the following three resolutions were considered withdrawn:—*

"*This Council requests the Government to reduce the number of the official Members of the Standing Finance Committee to two and increase the number of non-official Members to four.*"

4. Model Agricultural Farms.

"*This Council requests the Government to open model agricultural farms in every taluk from the beginning of next year.*"

5. Property Qualification for Election to Panchayats.

"*This Council recommends to the Government to abolish immediately the property qualification required for candidates standing for election to the Village Panchayats.*")

6. Lapsing of allotments.

Deputy President.—The next item of business is the resolution standing in the name of Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Sir, the resolution which I have tabled to-day reads thus :—

"*This Council recommends to the Government that allotments which have received budget sanction for any work should not be allowed to lapse ; but if they lapse under any unavoidable circumstances, such amounts should be kept in suspense and be utilised for that work only in the succeeding year.*"

The resolution is very clear; and I am not going to make any long speech. Large sums of money are spent for investigation, etc., and Government have given budget sanction for some works. For some reason or other, such works are not taken up, and the amounts allotted lapse. If they lapse, sometimes such works are not taken up again next year. Such being the case, I have brought this resolution to the notice of the Council.

Mr. E Ikkanda Wariar.—I second the resolution.

Mr K. Krishna Pisharodi.—Sir, I rise to oppose this resolution.

Even now allotments for works are not generally allowed to lapse, but for circumstances unforeseen at the time of the bud-

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